

# State Board Members



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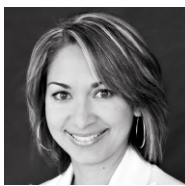
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State Board of Education

# 2009

## Legislative Advocacy Agenda

### Our Mission...

...is to champion excellence in education through superior leadership and service. We are committed to high levels of learning, achievement and performance for all students, so they will become successful members of their community and the workforce.



## Funding...

### K-12:

- Fund the four percent allowable growth rate already established in 2008-2009.
- Maintain Iowa's commitment to ensure that our statewide average teacher salary is at the national median at a minimum.
- Increase the commitment to quality professional development for teachers by increasing funding for professional development within Teacher Quality from \$28.5 million to \$30 million in fiscal year 2010.
- Continue to enhance the commitment to providing statewide quality preschool to 4-year-olds by providing an additional \$15 million new dollars in fiscal year 2010.
- Create a funding mechanism or mechanisms to defray ever-increasing transportation and energy costs.

### Community Colleges:

- Increase funding for Iowa's community colleges by \$13,745,311.
- Increase the community college levy authority to provide increased capacity to support local and regional decision-making that ensures continued vigorous economic and workforce development.

### Area Educational Agencies (AEAs):

- Continue to support funding for AEAs in all areas and specifically in the areas of Iowa Core Curriculum implementation and in the provision of a statewide early childhood professional development network. Additionally, the legislature should restore the remaining \$2.5 million in temporary cuts made by the 2003 legislature.

### Iowa Department of Education:

- Advocate for the adequate staffing, including FTEs, of the Iowa Department of Education to ensure quality technical assistance, monitoring of quality, and accountability for results. This includes supporting existing staffing levels, while also ensuring that any new policy or funding priorities include staff members to implement the added expectations.

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The 2007 and 2008 legislative sessions were significant in terms of funding and policy.

Increased rigor was addressed by the mandate of Iowa Core Curriculum; teachers' salaries were greatly enhanced, a step that will help Iowa keep its best and brightest; a quality statewide 4-year-old preschool program was created and expanded; and incentives were developed to promote sharing and efficiencies in schools. At this critical juncture, **policy and funding stability** and the alignment of resources to funded priorities are key to ensuring that the hopes created by these new initiatives are realized. The State Board of Education believes that Iowa should seize the opportunity ahead and continue to evolve into the system that meets ALL students' needs in the 21st century.

### Vision

*Iowa students will become productive citizens in a democratic society, and successful participants in a global community.*

### Expected Outcomes

- Increase the proficiency of all students in reading, math, and science.
- Reduce the performance gaps that exists for African-American and Hispanic students and students in low socioeconomic categories.
- Increase the K-12 graduation rate, especially with African-American and Hispanic youth.
- Increase the number of 4-year-olds accessing quality preschool programs.

### Support Improved Programming and Academic Achievement for ALL Students

- ***Provide for efforts to improve the quality of the educational system.***

- \* Continue to provide resources to support the implementation of the Iowa Core Curriculum statewide.
- \* Include a mandated state writing assessment as an assessment component connected to the Iowa Core Curriculum.
- \* Support efforts to promote innovative school practices, including new uses of technology.

- ***Continue to expand the Teacher Quality and Student Achievement Program.***

- \* Increase the quantity and quality of professional development supports for teachers, especially in reading, mathematics, and science using content-specific Teacher Development Academies.
- \* Provide an additional \$1.5 million dollars (\$30 million total) in professional development funding that ensures support for every teacher in the state.
- \* Provide funding to address teacher shortages. Strategies could include loan forgiveness and incentives for retraining.

- \* Reinstate support for the National Board Certification as it currently exists and extend that commitment for five years.

- ***Continue to expand access to quality preschool programming. This program should continue to include the following components:***

- \* Access for all 4-year-olds.
- \* Teacher licensed by the Board of Educational Examiners.
- \* Support for established program standards.
- \* Support for established developmental early learning standards.
- \* Fiscal accountability and statewide student data management support.

- ***Improve and expand opportunities to develop Iowa's workforce.***

- \* Continue to promote the implementation and expansion of Iowa's Senior Year Plus program.
- \* Support the statewide expansion of Project Lead the Way (STEM) to make it available to all school districts.
- \* Expand opportunities to connect school to the world of work, including continued expansion of Iowa's Career Information System; implementation of a statewide network of work-based intermediary networks; and the effective implementation of individual student four-year high school plans.